

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Gauger, Anne Marie Rathburn, Linda Schwallie

MEMBER EXCUSED: Peter Fabian

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS: none

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynn Gauger called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Published addendum – Personal appearance by Sandra Helpsmeet to request approval of course

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2001

Correction: -On page 3, under SFC 16.03 RULES CHANGES, in the second motion, insert “develop and publish a scope statement to”.

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to approve the Minutes of July 18, 2001, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2001 Telephone Conference Call as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA

Kimberly Nania introduced Secretary Herrera to the Section. Secretary Herrera gave a brief synopsis of his background and thanked the Section members for the time they give on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin.

All state agencies were asked to cut their budgets by 5%. DRL fared well as the 5% cut came from DRL's reserve fund, and three additional positions were allocated for DOE.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

SANDRA HELPSMEET

Sandra Helpsmeet addressed the Section to request approval of three proposed courses and discussed her goals and future plans. The Section will deliberate on this matter in closed session.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

SCOPE STATEMENT ON SFC 16.03 RULE CHANGE

The Section reviewed the draft language of the proposed SFC 16.03 rule change and made some modifications to the language.

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to have legal counsel modify the language of the proposed SFC 16.03 rule change as directed by the Section. Motion carried unanimously.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Schwallie said the Rules Committee is meeting this afternoon.

WAMFT REPORT

Peter Fabian was not present to give his report.

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION REPORT

Kimberly Nania reported there are currently 22 pending applications, ten applicants have been credentialed since the last Section meeting, and there is a total of 509 active MFT credentials as of June 30, 2001.

LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO LICENSING MFT PRACTICE

At the July 18, 2001, meeting, the Section requested legal counsel to ask the Department to re-introduce the legislation to create a Marriage and Family Therapy Training Certificate. This request was made to Myra Shelton, the Legislative Liaison for the Department.

CMFT APPLICATION SUPERVISION SECTION UPDATE

The application has been updated as requested by the Section. An additional change was requested to include the credential number of the supervisor(s).

REVIEW THE DIFFERENT STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR MFT CERTIFICATION

A fee study was recently done on all professions regulated by the Department. With the exception of Indiana, Wisconsin's fees are the lowest in the midwest.

AMFTRB ELECTION COMMITTEE – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This item was informational.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

The Section reviewed correspondence from Phyllis Pleuss of Lutheran Social Services, Beaver Dam. Legal counsel has replied to Ms. Pleuss.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

There were no inquiries to review.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, Anne Marie Rathburn seconded, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g). Wis. Stats., for the purpose of deliberation on a proposed stipulation, reviewing applications, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll Call vote: Lynn Gauger – yes, Anne Marie Rathburn - yes, Linda Schwallie - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:48 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

CASE STATUS REPORT

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to close complaint **00 MFT 002** for no violation. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE/REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF COURSE

SANDRA HELPSMEET

Recommend she follow her plan to have continued clinical supervision in her MFT practice and read the new, revised 7/01 AAMFT code of ethics.

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to approve Sandra Helpsmeet's participation in Gary Schoener's Ethics, Boundaries and Practice: Current Issues course presented by U. W. Madison. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

LOUIS H COWLING

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to approve the application of Louis H. Cowling. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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